

MILLE LACS BAND OF OHBWE

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

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Section 106 Consultation and Tribal Review NHPA: USDA/Rural Development: Application for financial assistance from Dairyland, partner utilities of CapX2020 for the construct of a 345 kv electric transmission line and associated facilities to connect Hampton and Rochester, MN with the La Crosse, Wisconsin Area. application is to Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

Dear Ms Strength.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the Tribal Historic Preservation Office by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Procedures of the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation (36CFR800).

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Based on available information, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe will participate in government to government consultation with this project. We will be waiting for the copy of the background survey by RUS.

Please contact Natalie Weyaus at 320-532-4181 extension 7450 if you have any questions regarding our review of this project.

Respectfully,

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RUS appreciates the response from the Mille Lacs Band of

to facilitate tribal participation in the proposed project.

Ojibwe regarding consultation on the proposed project. RUS will contact

the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe regarding government-to-government consultation on the proposed project and will provide project information

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